Number of Madarsas

2044. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA :

SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA :

Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Madarsas in the country, State-wise and Union Territory-wise, from 1997 to 2001 ;

(b) the financial assistance given to Madarsas during that period, State-wise and Union Territory-wise ;

(c) whether the Madarsas are established under the provisions of Article 30 (1) of the Constitution ;

(d) whether it is a fact that instead of teaching communal harmony, communal hatred is being taught in some of the Madarsas, particularly in border States ; and

(e) if so, Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scarcity of Children's Literature

†2045. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI : Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that children remain deprived of the Child Literature due to its scarcity and they remain ignorant of the culture and traditions of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to remove the short-coming ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA) : (a) to (c) The Government has been taking a number of steps to boost, support and disseminate

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.